

VOSH PROGRAM DIRECTIVE: 12-258**ISSUED: 01 April 2018****Subject** **Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, §1910.261; Amendments****Purpose** This directive transmits to field personnel amendments to the Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills standard, which resulted from the adoption of the Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494, 18 November 2016).

This Program Directive is an internal guideline, not a statutory or regulatory rule, and is intended to provide instructions to VOSH personnel regarding internal operation of the Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program and is solely for the benefit of the program. This document is not subject to the Virginia Register Act or the Administrative Process Act; it does not have general application and is not being enforced as having the force of law.

Scope This Directive applies VOSH-wide.**Reference** 81 FR 82494 (18 November 2016)**Cancellation** Not Applicable**Effective Date** 01 April 2018**Expiration Date** Not Applicable**Action** Directors and Managers shall ensure that field personnel understand and comply with the policies and procedures established in this Directive and that they are uniformly administered.

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When the guidelines, as set forth in this Program Directive, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms if, and where they are used, shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms

VOSH Equivalent

OSHA

VOSH

Federal Agency

State Agency

Agency

Department

Regional Administrator

Assistant Commissioner

Area Director

Regional Director
VOSH Program Director

Regional Solicitor

Attorney General or VOSH
Division of Legal Support (DLS)

Office of Statistics

VOSH Research and Analysis

29 CFR

VOSH Standard

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I. Background

On November 18, 2016, federal OSHA published its new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces (81 FR 82494) which also impacted §1910.261, Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills.

On February 16, 2017, the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the new Final Rule on Walking-Working Surfaces and its resulting amendments to §1910.261, Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, with an effective date of May 15, 2017.

II. Summary

In addition to promulgating the new standard on Walking-Working Surfaces, federal OSHA amended §1910.261, Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, by revising paragraphs (c)(15)(ii), (e)(4), (g)(2)(ii), (g)(13)(i), (h)(1), (j)(4)(iii), (j)(5)(i), (k)(6), (k)(13)(i) and (k)(15) to reference Subpart D, Walking-Working Surfaces, §§1910.21 through 1910.30, to ensure that employers comply with all of the applicable general industry requirements.

To access the Final Rule for the Walking-Working Surfaces and Personal Protective Equipment (Fall Protection Systems) and the Amendments to Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, please click on the link below:

https://www.osha.gov/FedReg_osha_pdf/FED20161118.pdf

Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, 1910.261; Amendments

As Adopted by the
Safety and Health Codes Board

Date: 16 February 2017



VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

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16VAC25-90-1910.261, Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, §1910.261

When the regulations, as set forth in the amendments to Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard Mills, §1910.261, are applied to the Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry and/or to Virginia employers, the following federal terms shall be considered to read as below:

Federal Terms	VOSH Equivalent
29 CFR	VOSH Standard
Assistant Secretary	Commissioner of Labor and Industry
Agency	Department
17 January 2017	15 February 2017

Subpart R—[Amended]

■ 17. In § 1910.261, revise paragraphs (c)(15)(ii), (e)(4), (g)(2)(ii), (g)(13)(i), (h)(1), (j)(4)(iii), (j)(5)(i), (k)(6), (k)(13)(i) and (k)(15) to read as follows:

§ 1910.261 Pulp, paper, and paperboard mills.

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(c) * * *

(15) * * *

(ii) Where conveyors cross passageways or roadways, a horizontal platform shall be provided under the conveyor, extended out from the sides of the conveyor a distance equal to 1½ times the length of the wood handled. The platform shall extend the width of the road plus 2 feet (61 cm) on each side, and shall be kept free of wood and rubbish. The edges of the platform shall be provided with toeboards or other protection that meet the requirements of subpart D of this part, to prevent wood from falling.

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(e) * * *

(4) *Runway to the jack ladder.* The runway from the pond or unloading dock to the table shall be protected with standard handrails and toeboards. Inclined portions shall have cleats or equivalent nonslip surfacing that

complies with subpart D of this part. Protective equipment shall be provided for persons working over water.

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(ii) The worker shall be provided with eye protection, a supplied air respirator and a personal fall protection system that meets the requirements of subpart I of this part, during inspection, repairs or maintenance of acid towers. The line shall be extended to an attendant stationed outside the tower opening.

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(i) Blow-pit openings preferably shall be on the side of the pit instead of on the top. Openings shall be as small as possible when located on top, and shall be protected in accordance with subpart D of this part.

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(h) * * *

(1) *Bleaching engines.* Bleaching engines, except the Bellmer type, shall be completely covered on the top, with the exception of one small opening large enough to allow filling, but too small to admit an employee. Platforms leading from one engine to another shall have standard guardrails that meet the requirements in subpart D of this part.

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(j) * * *
(4) * * *

(iii) When beaters are fed from the floor above, the chute opening, if less than 42 inches (1.06 m) from the floor, shall be provided with a guardrail system that meets the requirements in subpart D of this part, or other equivalent enclosures. Openings for manual feeding shall be sufficient only for entry of stock, and shall be provided with at least two permanently secured crossrails or other fall protection system that meet the requirements in subpart D.

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(i) All pulpers having the top or any other opening of a vessel less than 42 inches (107 cm) from the floor or work platform shall have such openings guarded by guardrail systems that meet the requirements in subpart D of this part, or other equivalent enclosures. For manual changing, openings shall be sufficient only to permit the entry of stock, and shall be provided with at least two permanently secured crossrails, or other fall protection systems that meet the requirements in subpart D.

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(6) *Steps.* Steps of uniform rise and tread with nonslip surfaces that meet the requirements in subpart D of this part shall be provided at each press.

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(i) A guardrail that complies with subpart D of this part shall be provided at broke holes.

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(15) *Steps.* Steps or ladders that comply with subpart D of this part and tread with nonslip surfaces shall be provided at each calendar stack. Handrails and hand grips complying with subpart D shall be provided at each calendar stack.